RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Legislative Policy Committee is requested to appoint a Commission to recommend regulations on groundwater heat pumps, including requiring a yield-test test for yield of the well excluding storage, flow of the system and any other information relevant to the aquifer and its production potential before issuance of a water appropriation permit, and requiring discharge by reinjection of the aquifer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission be composed of a representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Natural Resources, the Senate of Maryland, the House of Delegates, one consolidated driller, one unconsolidated driller, and citizen representatives experienced in groundwater heat pump technology; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission report its findings to the General Assembly by January 1, 1982 and then shall terminate.

Signed May 12, 1981.

No. 4

(Senate Joint Resolution No. 28)

A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

Wetlands Permit Review

FOR the purpose of requesting the Department of Natural Resources to develop guidelines for the evaluation of permit or license applications under the Wetlands Act within the City of Crisfield.

WHEREAS, The Maryland General Assembly in 1970 established the policy of protecting tidal wetlands in Maryland through the Wetlands Act, Natural Resources Article, Title 9; and

WHEREAS, The Wetlands Act establishes a permit and license system which allows for a balancing of economic, environmental, recreational, and aesthetic values in the protection of the State's wetlands; and

WHEREAS, Local governments, in development of their comprehensive plans are attempting to prevent haphazard development by concentrating growth in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, The City of Crisfield has within its municipal limits 65 acres of wetlands; and